

Senate Resolution 1597

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th and Staton of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ned M. Sanders; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

5 WHEREAS, Ned M. Sanders has long been recognized by the citizens of this nation for the
6 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
7 of the citizens of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously served his country with honor and distinction
9 as a member of the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and was a pilot on the
10 first mass parachute drop mission in South Vietnam; and

11 WHEREAS, this extraordinary man was awarded the Legion of Merit and demonstrated
12 continuously throughout his military career unwavering heroism, valor, and ability and
13 retired after 33 years and three months having attained the rank of Colonel; and

14 WHEREAS, following the conclusion of his active military service, he diligently and
15 conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the
16 betterment of this state as evidenced dramatically by his many years of service as Chairman
17 of the Board of Commissioners of Houston County a position from which he will be retiring
18 at the end of 2010; and

19 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
20 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
21 community have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
23 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

24 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human
25 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
26 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately
27 on the occasion of his retirement from public service.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Ned M. Sanders for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service
30 to the citizens of his country and state; offer to his family their most profound and sincere
31 appreciation for him and for all members of the United States military; and extend to him
32 their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ned M. Sanders.